

**December 1, 2003**

# **Montana Medicaid Notice**

**Physicians, Mid-Level Practitioners, Public Health Clinics,  
Podiatrists, IDTF, and Lab and X-Ray Providers**

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## **Bilateral X-ray Reimbursement Update**

The Department has received several requests to review the reimbursement policy for bilateral x-rays. At present, the policy is to pay 150% of the fee schedule rate for the x-rays. Billers have been instructed: *When billing modifier 50 for bilateral services, put all information on one line with one unit. You will not need to use modifiers for left and right, and do not bill on separate lines.*

The Department has reviewed this policy and effective January 1, 2004, providers can bill bilateral x-rays using modifiers RT and LT, thus reimbursing each x-ray at 100% of the fee schedule. This updated policy will also more easily facilitate the Medicare cross-over claims adjudication process.

## **Contact Information**

For more information, visit the Provider Information website:

**<http://www.mtmedicaid.org>**

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

**Provider Relations in Helena and out-of-state: (406) 442-1837**

**In-state toll-free: 1-800-624-3958**